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TO: Assistant Director, Research and Reports 22 October 1957
THROUGH: Chief, Geographic Research, ORR
FROM: Chief, Map Library Division, ORR
SUBJECT: Briefing of CD/OO Personnel by AD/RR

1. It would be helpful if the following points could be briefly mentioned:

a. The Domestic Procurement Section of the Map Library handles most of the requirements for domestic collection that emanate from the Geographic Research Area. These requirements are for maps and related documents, geographic intelligence, and information on aerial photography.

b. The Section provides a link between the map procurement activities of the State Department Geographic Attachés and similar activity carried out by OO/C personnel. The objective is to obtain the maximum benefit from both collection facilities with a minimum of duplication.

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c. Personnel from the Domestic Procurement Section have in the past visited Field Offices to assist contact specialists in the exploitation of sources where a review and selection from extensive files is indicated. This support continues to be available. The Section works closely on all requirements with [REDACTED] GMP Staff, and OO/C Branch personnel.

d. The need for maps is not confined to coverage of the Soviet Orb. The Map Library attempts to collect and maintain maps of all areas of the world on a wide variety of subjects.

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2. Emphasis should be placed on the importance of collection of all available information relating to aerial photography. This includes not only all technical and coverage data, but information on prospective contracts and the behind the scenes contract negotiations. It would definitely be in order to compliment the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for the excellent response they have given over the past several months to our requirements for this information, particularly those cases where they have responded in a matter of a few hours to urgent calls for information.

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3. A squib on [REDACTED] drafted by
the Map Library, should appear soon in the OO/C Monthly Newsletter.

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